



# Boise County

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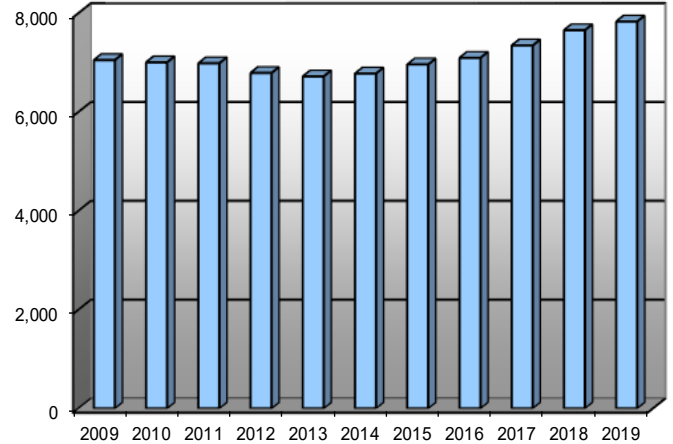
## Population

Despite the decline in natural resource extraction, Boise County continued to grow pre-Great Recession. Contiguous to Ada County, the state's business, government and financial center, Boise County's population hit 7,229 in 2007. But as the recession's assault on Ada County spilled over, Boise County's population fell to its low point of 6,720 in 2013. It has gained 1,111 people since 2013 to bring the total to a record high of 7,831 in 2019. Developers have built subdivisions in the Boise County mountains that attract commuters from Ada County. Attractions include Bogus Basin Recreation Association with 2,600 acres of ski trails and terrain, snow tubing, Nordic skiing, snowshoeing and the new mountain coaster ride. The summer offers hiking and mountain biking opportunities. Payette River is a summer draw for rafters and kayakers with its world class whitewater rapids.

The two largest towns are Idaho City and Horseshoe Bend, separated by the Boise Mountain Range—2018 population estimates are 467 and 787 respectively.

## Workforce Trends

Population



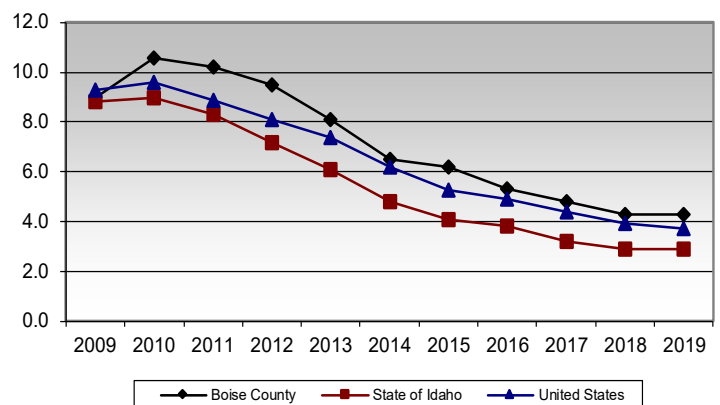
## Labor Force & Employment

Boise County's labor force began to decline in 2008 and continued through 2014. The decline resulted in the average unemployment nearly doubling from 3.4 percent in 2007 to 6 percent in 2008. Continued economic erosion pushed unemployment to 10.6 percent in 2010. The economy has been recovering since with a low in 2018 and 2019 of 4.3 percent. The county normally has a higher unemployment rate than the state and nation due to seasonality of its major industries.

The labor force recovered in force starting in 2015 as the housing market in Boise fired up. The residents mainly commute into the valley for work, evidenced by the slower growth of covered jobs compared to labor force and employment growth. The labor force and employment tracks to place of residence while covered jobs are the physical locale.

Two major industries remain below 2009 employment levels—government and transportation. A mining company and private household company did not have employment in 2019

Unemployment Rates



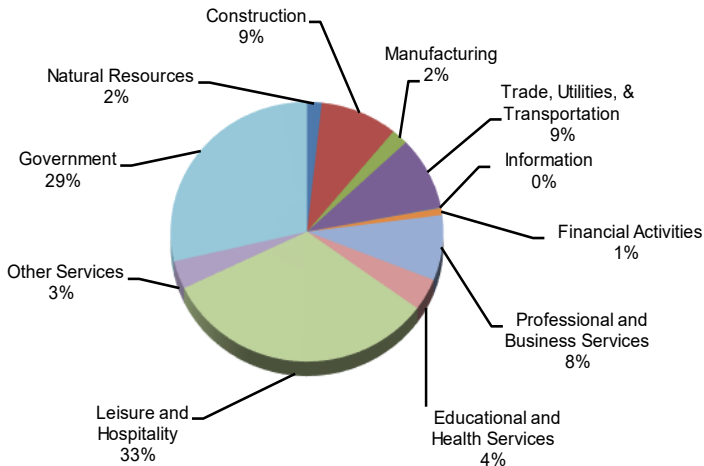
resulting in a drop of employment in those sectors. Construction and professional and business services continued to grow robustly over the last decade, especially for an area with significant federal lands.

The leisure and hospitality sector had the strongest growth between 2018 and 2019. Boise County is home to Bogus Basin Recreational Assn ski resort. This sector accounts for a third of the jobs in Boise County. The number of jobs in government increased in 2019, as it continues to be a major employer accounting for another third of the covered employment.

Labor Force	Aug 19	Aug 20
Civilian Labor Force	3,545	3,638
Total Employment	3,385	3,395
Unemployed	160	243
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.5	6.7
State of Idaho % Unemployed	2.9	4.2
U.S. % Unemployed	3.7	8.4

Labor Force	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Civilian Labor Force	3,383	3,048	3,060	2,968	2,922	2,919	3,051	3,102	3,204	3,388	3,516
Unemployment	304	322	312	283	238	190	189	164	154	145	151
% of Labor Force Unemployed	9.0	10.6	10.2	9.5	8.1	6.5	6.2	5.3	4.8	4.3	4.3
Employment	3,080	2,726	2,748	2,685	2,684	2,729	2,862	2,938	3,050	3,243	3,365

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2019



## Per Capita Income, Jobs & Wages

Boise County ranked 10th in 2018 per capita income, an increase of \$1,812 from 2017 or an uptick of 4.4 percent. More affluent people moving to the county to enjoy a rural lifestyle continue to help boost this indicator.

From 2018 to 2019, the average covered wage decreased slightly to \$28,018. Wage increases occurred in five sectors with the largest in other services up \$7,288 or 8 percent over the year. Wage losses occurred in six sectors, the largest in financial activities which declined over the year by \$8,163 or 20 percent. Manufacturing carries a greater share of jobs and decreased by 6 percent from 2017.

Boise County has less diversity of industry and jobs than most counties in Idaho with a heavy emphasis on recreation.

## Major Employers

Basin School District #72
Bogus Basin Recreational Assn Inc
Boise County
Cascade Raft & Kayak
Crouch Merc
Garden Valley School District #71
Horseshoe Bend School District #73
Northwest Traffic Services LLC
Project Patch
Terrace Lakes Ranch Inc
U.S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service

Boise City MSA Wages**	Occupational	Entry Wage	Median Wage
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics		\$15.42	\$21.95
Construction Laborer		\$12.74	\$16.86
Cooks, Restaurant		\$9.37	\$12.14
Heavy & Tactor-Trailer Truck Drivers		\$15.94	\$22.85
Licensed Practical Nurse		\$18.89	\$22.97
Logging Equipment Operators		\$20.99	\$22.84
Secretaries & Administrative Assistants		\$12.87	\$17.17
Shipping, Receiving & Inventory Clerks		\$11.57	\$16.82
Waiter & Waitress		\$8.59	\$11.30

\* Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at [lmi.idaho.gov](http://lmi.idaho.gov).

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 2009, 2018 & 2019	2009		2018		2019	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
<b>Total Covered Wages</b>	1,597	\$21,780	1,630	\$28,412	1,740	\$28,018
<b>Agriculture</b>	49	\$26,850	73	\$35,887	61	\$33,289
<b>Mining</b>	17	\$44,298	0	\$0	0	\$0
<b>Construction</b>	34	\$22,049	136	\$28,719	161	\$29,903
<b>Manufacturing</b>	21	\$41,741	44	\$44,054	35	\$41,036
<b>Trade, Utilities &amp; Transportation</b>	172	\$18,406	151	\$22,373	160	\$21,492
<b>Information</b>	**	**	**	**	**	**
<b>Financial Activities</b>	9	\$16,633	11	\$33,676	13	\$32,843
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	77	\$27,840	120	\$40,160	141	\$41,266
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	53	\$24,948	57	\$28,033	72	\$28,608
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	579	\$11,295	532	\$15,684	579	\$16,199
<b>Other Services</b>	40	\$9,651	30	\$17,882	19	\$25,170
<b>Government</b>	539	\$31,592	478	\$39,475	500	\$37,783

Per Capita Income	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Boise County</b>	\$29,737	\$30,818	\$31,855	\$32,994	\$34,511	\$36,229	\$37,680	\$42,178	\$41,580	\$43,392
<b>State of Idaho</b>	\$31,186	\$31,957	\$33,515	\$35,188	\$36,200	\$37,896	\$39,857	\$40,670	\$42,094	\$43,901
<b>United States</b>	\$39,284	\$40,546	\$42,735	\$44,599	\$44,851	\$47,058	\$48,978	\$49,870	\$51,885	\$54,446

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